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Applicant(s):

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MELANOMA ANTIGENS AND THEIR USE IN DIAGNOSTIC

AND THERAPEUTIC METHODS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 13, 1999, applicants present the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

29. (amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising gp100 (SEQ ID NO: 27) or an immunogenic peptide [having] consisting essentially of 5-20 contiguous amino acids within the gp100 sequence and a pharmacologically acceptable excipient, diluent or carrier.

30. (amended) A method of treating melanoma in a mammal comprising administering a pharmaceutical composition comprising gp100 (SEQ ID NO: 27) or an immunogenic peptide [having] consisting essentially of 5-20 contiguous amino acids within

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